

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I note your appointment to Chair the FCC and wish you well in your job. As a retired and ill elderly woman, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance and regardless of the fact that I am trying to make ends meet on a limited and fixed income.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

I believe that the flatflat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering is fundamentally unfair to people like me who make few long distance calls; the plan would insist that I pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers. It is but one more sign that this Administration caters to the rich and totally ignores the needs of the not-rich. Please prove me wrong by adopting the Fair Share plan.

Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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